



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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DATE: May 14, 2018

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-SA-2018-THT-0089

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), BURBANK, CA, POSTED ALLEGED THREATENING
MESSAGE ON EPA ADMINISTRATOR'S FACEBOOK PAGE

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Burbank, CA	

VIOLATIONS:

None.

ALLEGATION: On April 06, 2017, Office of Investigations, Office of Inspector General (OIG), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), San Francisco Field Office, received notification from the EPA Office of Web Communications of a potentially threatening message posted on the Official EPA Administrator's Facebook page. The posting was made by username (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), who posted, "Wow, you sneaky little [two devil emoticons] I'm surprised nobody has shot you in the head yet."

FINDINGS: Office of Counsel, OIG, EPA, reviewed the posting (b) (5) and was not to be further investigated.

DISPOSITION: No further investigative activity is warranted. This case is closed.



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DATE: MAY 8, 2018

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CASE #: OI-SE-2017-CAC-0073

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: UNKNOWN POST CARD SENDER, PORTLAND, OR

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
UNKNOWN POST CARD SENDER	Portland, OR	

VIOLATION(S):

18 U.S.C. § 875 (Threats-Interstate Communications)

ALLEGATION: This investigation was opened based on information provided by the office of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), EPA Region 10 Seattle, WA, regarding a postcard addressed to Scott Pruitt, EPA Administrator that contained potentially threatening or intimidating statements.

FINDINGS: The postcard had no return address, was postmarked "Portland OR, 22 FEB 2017", and was received on February 28, 2017. The front of the postcard depicts a lone man standing on a small iceberg in the middle of the ocean. The back contains a message written in cursive in red ink and addressed to Scott Pruitt, c/o EPA, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Seattle, WA 98101.

The message is as follows:

"Dear Mr. Pruitt, CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL!!! We are watching you. For the sake of our planet, our children & our grandchildren, will you be a reasonable man? I repeat, we are watching you! (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Although the message does not contain a direct threat, the statements "will you be a reasonable man?" and "we are watching you" could be interpreted as intimidating and potentially threatening.

Internet research was conducted to determine if any information could be garnered regarding the post card and stamp that was used. No useful information was found.

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An email was sent to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED], to request assistance in identifying additional information from the postmark on the post card.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED]

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] EPA OIG, was provided with a synopsis of this case. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] responded that (b) (6) [REDACTED] had no objections to closing the case. In (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] opinion, (b) (6) [REDACTED]

This case was not presented to the US Attorney's Office because (b) (5), (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Additionally, no other similar types of communication have been received by EPA Region 10.

All logical and necessary leads have been pursued, and no further investigative activity is warranted. This investigation is closed.



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DATE: NOVEMBER 29, 2017

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-HQ-2017-CAC-0069

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: EMAIL THREAT TO DUMP PAINT IN FRONT OF ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE DOOR

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Possibly MI, USA	

ALLEGATION:

This investigation was initiated when, on February 27, 2017, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG) Hotline was notified of a potential threatening email message which was received by the EPA Administrator's inbox. The message was sent by an individual claiming to go by the name of "(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)", using the email address (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@gmail.com. The subject line of the email read "I love you"; the body of the email read: "Hi, I am considering dumping the old paint I just scraped off my home outside your office door on Tuesday. Please advise. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)".

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS:

The Office of Investigations, OIG, EPA, (b) (7)(E) . These efforts were met negatively. In addition, OI determined that there was not a criminal nexus to the allegation.

DISPOSITION: Inconclusive. Closed.

This case is recommended for closure and movement to the general threat case file, with the understanding that if subject reinitiates contact, further action will be taken.

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DATE: AUGUST 28, 2018

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-BO-2017-CAC-0093

CROSS REFERENCE #: N/A

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) SOUTH PORTLAND, ME (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

VIOLATIONS:

Title 18 U.S.C. § 876

Mailing Threatening Communications

Title 18 U.S.C. § 111

Assaulting, Resisting, Impeding or Intimidating Certain Officers or Employees

ALLEGATIONS:

The Boston Field Office, Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Boston, MA initiated an investigation based upon an unsolicited email from an individual who identified (b) (6), as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

to press@epa.gov wishing then Administrator Scott Pruitt, EPA, die a painful death.

FINDINGS:

Upon review of the email, (b) (6), wished then Administrator Pruitt die a painful and horrible death through poisoning. Although the email wished for then Administrator Pruitt's death,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not state or imply (b) (6) wanted to personally harm Pruitt. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)

DISPOSITION:

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This case was not presented to the U.S. Attorney' Office, District of Maine, for prosecutorial consideration as no (b) (5), (b) (7)(E) . With the recent resignation of then Administrator Scott Pruitt and no new information indicating a potential threat, this case will be closed at this time.

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DATE: September 6, 2018

PREPARED BY: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-HQ-2017-THT-0148

CROSS REFERENCE #: N/A

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Unknown	N/A

ALLEGATIONS:

The Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), received a referral from the OIG Hotline. A review of the referral revealed that someone using the Twitter handle of @ (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) scott pruit, to which someone using the Twitter handle of @ (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) replied. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) This information was first discovered by former (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Criminal Investigative Division, EPA, in advance of Administrator Scott Pruitt's scheduled official trip to Australia. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) indicated that the emails stemmed from an Australian Twitter account.

FINDINGS:

OI conducted open source queries, which revealed that the Twitter handle of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) may belong to private citizen (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Per Wikipedia, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

OI consulted with Office of Counsel, OIG, EPA, who opined that the statement (b) (5)

DISPOSITION: Inconclusive. Closed.

The United States Attorney's Office, District of Columbia, Washington, DC, declined prosecution of this investigation based upon the facts presented.

Based upon the aforementioned, there are no further investigative steps and this investigation is recommended for closure.



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DATE: September 12, 2018

PREPARED BY: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-HQ-2018-THT-0042

CROSS REFERENCE #: N/A

TITLE: Unidentified Person Sent an Inappropriate Email to the EPA Administrator

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
Unknown	Unknown	N/A

ALLEGATION(S):

On September 26, 2017, an inappropriate email was sent to Scott Pruitt, Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), from an unidentified person using the email address of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@gmail.com. The email correspondence to the EPA Administrator contained language which was laced in profanity and included a phone number, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

FINDING(S):

OI conducted open source queries to determine the identity of the person who sent the email. These efforts were met with negative results.

The Office of Counsel, OIG, EPA, Washington, DC, reviewed the verbiage in the potential threat (b) (5).

DISPOSITION: Inconclusive. Closed.

The United States Attorney's Office, District of Columbia, Washington, DC, was not consulted, as OIG Counsel (b) (5).

Based upon the aforementioned, there are no further investigative steps and this investigation is recommended for closure.